GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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VIOLATION OF WATER TRIBUNAL AWARDS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether violation of certain awards of water tribunals in the country have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps propose to correct this tendency among the States;

(d) whether the Government proposes to constitute Cauvery River Authority on the lines of Bhakra Nangal River Valley Authority; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTEER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF, SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh in May 2005 complained to the Central Government that construction of Babhali Barrage by Government of Maharashtra within the submergence area Sriram Sagar Project Reservoir is in violation of Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal award. Besides, in the past, in a few water years, state of Tamil Nadu brought to the notice of Central Government the issue of non implementation of certain aspects of interim order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) such as monthly and weekly quantum of inflows in Mettur reservoir of Tamil Nadu & area irrigated from Cauvery water in Karnataka.

(c) The Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956 was amended in 2002. As per amended Act now known as Inter-State River Water Disputes(ISRWD) Act 1956, the decision of a Tribunal after publication in official gazette has the same force as an order or the decree of the Supreme Court and becomes final and binding on parties to the dispute and is required to be given effect by them.

(d) & (e) Cauvery River Authority(CRA) was established for giving effect to the implementation of Interim Order. The interim order is operative till final report and decision of CWDT under section 5(2) of ISRWD Act. The report and decision of the CWDT under Section 5(2) of ISRWD Act, 1956, is reserved as per order of CWDT dated July 27, 2006. Therefore, there is no proposal to change the constitution and functions of the CRA.